

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Brief Description of the Drawings portion of the present application, provided on page 5 of the specification, as shown below:

Brief Description of the Drawings

[0011] Fig. 1 is a block diagram of a node of a database system.

[0012] Fig. 2 is a block diagram of a parsing engine.

[0013] Fig. 3 is a flow chart of a parser.

[0014] Fig. 4 is a flow chat illustrating the creation of buckets.

~~[0015] Fig. 5 illustrates an example high-bias bucket.~~

~~[0016] Fig. 6~~ [0015] Fig. 5 illustrates an example histogram bucket.

~~[0017] Fig. 7~~ [0016] Fig. 6 illustrates an example table with skewed data.

~~[0017] Fig. 7 illustrates an example high-bias bucket.~~

[0018] Fig. 8 is a flow chart illustrating the creation of high-bias and histogram buckets.

[0019] Fig. 9 is a flow chart illustrating the determination of the reclassification threshold.

~~[0020] Fig. 10 is a flow chart illustrating a process for moving values from histogram buckets to high-bias buckets.~~

~~[0020] Fig. 10~~ [0021] Fig. 11 is a flow chart illustrating the creation of high-bias and histogram buckets.

~~[0021] Fig. 11~~ [0022] Fig. 12 is a flow chart illustrating the determination of the minimum percentage of rows.

~~[0022] Fig. 12~~ [0023] Fig. 13 is a flow chart illustrating the determination of the number of remaining buckets.

~~[0023] Fig. 13~~ [0024] Fig. 14 is a flow chat illustrating the adjustment of the minimum percentage of rows.

~~[0025] Fig. 15 is a flow chart illustrating the creation of buckets for a system having affixed number of buckets and a fixed number of high-bias buckets.~~